

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of:)
Applicants: James et al.) Examiner: unknown
Serial No.: Continuation of 09/063,279 filed) Art Unit: unknown
April 20, 1998)
Filed: Herewith)
For: **APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AN**)
ENHANCED PCS COMMUNICATION)
SYSTEM)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed simultaneously with a new continuation application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/063,279 filed April 20, 1998 entitled "Apparatus and Method for an Enhanced PCS Communication System." Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the first paragraph of the application and insert the following therefor: --This application is a continuation of application serial no. 09/063,279, filed April 20, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,219,537, which claims the benefit of the filing date of provisional patent application serial no. 60/045,089, filed April 29, 1997. --

Attached as Attachment A is a clean copy of the above-added paragraph.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 1-12.

Please add new claims 13-14 as follows:

--13. (new) A wireless digital communication method comprising:

encoding message information in the vertical blanking interval of an out-going video signal transmitted from a first location, said out-going video signal having a carrier;

receiving said out-going video signal;

transmitting a return signal on said carrier of said out-going signal.

14. (new) A transceiver for use in a wireless digital communications system comprising:

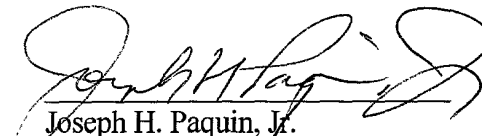
a receiver for receiving message information encoded in the vertical blanking interval of a video signal having a carrier; and

a transmitter for transmitting message information on said carrier of said video signal.--

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the above amendments be entered prior to examination
of the application

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachment A

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